CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	c416c3d4b7b13be72 01s.jg
Other known title(s):	8-393514
OFLC ref:	1700478.004
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	13 September 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	12 September 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes the sexual exploitation of children. It is an illustration which explicitly depicts a young child being sexually abused. The only purpose of the image file is the sexual arousal and gratification of those with a sexual interest in children. Material such as this presents children as sexually available, as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and encourages and legitimises such interest. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children from exploitation and harm.